

1. A user interface displayed by an on-line print service comprising:
a personalized account summary including an image selected from the user's
archives.

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2. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the personalized summary further includes an
order status for pending and recently fulfilled orders.

3. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the personalized summary further includes
10 shared image status for reviewing a status of shared images.

4. The user interface of claim 3 wherein the shared image status shows a status of
images identified by the user for sharing with others.

15 5. The user interface of claim 3 wherein the shared image status shows a status of
images that are available for viewing that have been shared by other users.

6. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the personalized account summary includes a
personalized greeting.

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7. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the personalized account summary includes an
upload status.

8. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the image is selected from images uploaded by
25 the user to the on-line print service.

9. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the image is selected from images ordered by
the user

10-15 30 10. A method for producing a physical manifestation of a digital image comprising:
receiving at an on-line print service a selection corresponding to a digital image for
printing;
receiving a user message associated with the digital image; and

printing the digital image including the user message.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the step of printing includes printing an image print including the user message.

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12. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of printing includes printing the message on the back of the image print.

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13. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of printing includes printing the date on the image print.

14. A user interface for display on a client computer as presented by a on-line print service, the user interface including

a first field including an image to be printed;

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a second field including a text box for specifying a message to be printed on the image print.

15. The user interface of claim 14 wherein the text box includes plural lines for receiving a message to be printed on the image print.

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16. A method for updating a user's address book during an order, the address book including one or more entries, the method comprising:

providing for each entry an edit link that when invoked presents an edit page that can be used to update the contents of a given entry;

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receiving a user prompt to display the address book during an order process so as to identify an intended recipient for receiving a physical manifestation of an digital image;

displaying the address book including entries corresponding to potential recipients for image based products designated by the user,

if the user invokes an edit link,

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presenting an edit page,

receiving change data from the user associated with changes to the content associated with the given entry,

storing the change data for the given entry, and
 re-presenting the address book entries including the given entry having
 changed data without having to abort the order process.

- 5 17. A user interface for use in manipulating digital images comprising:
 a thumbnail image, the thumbnail image being a representation of a digital image;
 a drag and drop mechanism operable to receive a user selection and move the
 selection across the user interface and place the selection at the drop location; and
 a drop spot, the drop spot being a designated portion of the user interface on to which
 10 a thumbnail image can be dragged and dropped, the drop spot having an associated code
 portion operable to upload a digital image associated with a given selection that is dropped
 on the drop spot.
18. A user interface for use in manipulating digital images comprising:
 15 a drop spot, the drop spot being a designated portion of the user interface on to which
 a user selection can be dragged and dropped, the drop spot having an associated code portion
 operable to process the user selection dropped on the drop spot.
19. The user interface of claim 18 wherein the user selection is an image file.
- 20 20. The user interface of claim 18 wherein the code portion includes instructions for
 uploading the user selection.
21. The user interface of claim 20 wherein the code portion includes instructions for
 25 automatically creating a thumbnail representation of each selection dropped on the drop spot.
22. The user interface of claim 21 further comprising a selection box for displaying
 thumbnail representations of images to be uploaded, the selection box including a checkbox
 for deselecting images to be uploaded from those displayed in the selection box.
- 30 23. The user interface of claim 22 wherein the selection box includes a rotation control
 for manipulating an orientation of an image in the selection box, the rotation control

manipulatable by the user to set a preferred orientation for an image to be uploaded, the code portion including instructions for passing the preferred orientation information on to the on-line print service along with the uploaded image.

5 24 The user interface of claim 21 wherein the code portion includes instructions for uploading both the selected digital image and its associated thumbnail representation.

25. The user interface of claim 21 wherein the user selection is a digital image.

10 26. The user interface of claim 18 wherein the drop spot includes a symbol that is indicative of the process invoked by the associated code portion.

27. The user interface of claim 26 wherein the symbol is indicative of the on-line print service to which digital images are to be uploaded.

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28. The user interface of claim 18 further including a pause button including an associated pause code, the pause code operable to, when invoked, pause the upload of an image to the on-line print service.

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29. The user interface of claim 28 further including a resume button including an associated resume code, the resume code operable to, when invoked, resume the upload of a paused loading of an image to the on-line print service.

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30. The user interface of claim 18 wherein the drop zone is implemented using a plugin that modifies the functionality of the user's browser to support drag and drop of image files to designate them for processing.

31. A method for designating multiple recipients for an image at an on-line print service, the method comprising:

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creating a plurality of envelopes and displaying each envelope on a user interface;
associating with each envelope an intended recipient to receive images placed in a respective envelope;

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displaying on the user interface one or more images along with the plural envelopes;
selecting an image for distribution to multiple recipients; and
associating a selected image with two or more envelopes.

5 32. The method of claim 31 further comprising displaying along with each envelope an
identifier associated with the name of a recipient.

33. The method of claim 32 further comprising displaying along with each envelope a
running price associated with the total price of images placed in a respective envelope.

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34. The method of claim 31 further comprising displaying a checkbox with each image,
the checkbox for designating an image to be included in an order.

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35. The method of claim 31 wherein the step of associating an image includes placing an
instance of the image in each envelope associated with an intended recipient.

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36. The method of claim 31 further comprising an add button or link associated with each
envelope, the add button, when invoked, operable to add a copy of each selected image to a
respective envelope.

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37. The method of claim 36 wherein the step of associating includes selecting an add
button or link associated with an envelope of an intended recipient.

38. The method of claim 31 further comprising displaying price and quantity data
associated with each envelope, the price data indicative of a price for processing an envelope
including the images specified by the user for the intended recipient, and the quantity data
including a count of a number of images included in the respective envelope.

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39. The method of claim 38 further comprising updating the price and the quantity data
for a given envelope each time a new image is associated with a given envelope.

40. The method of claim 31 further comprising displaying an order total indicative of the price for processing all of the envelopes presented on the user interface.

41. The method of claim 31 further including displaying on the user interface an order details button for each envelope, the order details button operable to display, when invoked, a envelope summary, the envelope summary including a representation of each image selected and a size and quantity data for each image, the size data indicative of the size of the image print to be printed and the quantity data indicative of the number of prints of a given size to be included in a given order.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein the envelope summary includes a message to be printed on the print.

43. The method of claim 41 wherein the envelope summary includes a preview of the print including as ordered including any user designated effects.

44. The method of claim 41 further comprising changing an order for an intended recipient when reviewing the envelope summary and automatically recalculating the price and quantity data displayed on the user interface for an associated envelope.

45. The method of claim 31 further comprising including an order button on the user interface along with the envelopes and image selections, the order button operable, when selected, to place an order in accordance with the envelopes specified on the user interface for plural recipients from a single user interface page.

46. The method of claim 45 further comprising displaying a order summary in a single summary user interface for plural recipients, the order summary including plural entries, one for each envelope specified in the user interface.

47. The method of claim 46 further comprising displaying shipping information, shipping selections and shipping price for each intended recipient, the method including receiving

shipping selections for each recipient and updating a total cost for each intended recipient's order including the selected shipping preference.

48. The method of claim 46 further comprising displaying quantity data and price data on
5 the order summary for each envelope.

49. The method of claim 46 further comprising displaying a pay now button, that when invoked, is operable to process all of the envelopes specified in the order summary.

10 50. The method of claim 49 further comprising processing all of the envelopes in specified in the order summary as a single order.

15 51. The method of claim 31 further comprising
processing all of the envelopes as a single order ; and
sending an email confirmation to user describing the order concomitant with the
processing step.

20 52. The method of claim 51 wherein the email confirmation includes a summary of each envelope.

25 53. The method of claim 31 further comprising
processing all of the envelopes in a single order; and
displaying a status of the order when prompted by the user through the on-line print service.

30 54. The method of claim 31 further comprising
processing all of the envelopes in a single order;
aggregating summary information for each envelope on a single user interface page
accessible by the user through the on-line print service.

55. A method for sharing images among multiple recipients using an on-line print service, the method comprising:

- creating a plurality of envelopes and displaying each envelope on a user interface;
- associating with each envelope an intended recipient for sharing images designated
- 5 by a respective envelope;
- displaying on the user interface one or more images along with the plural envelopes;
- selecting an image for sharing with multiple recipients; and
- associating a selected image with two or more envelopes.

10 56. The method of claim 55 further comprising making each image in an envelope accessible at the on-line print service to an intended recipient.

57. The method of claim 55 further comprising

- in the user interface, displaying a field for designating a message to be associated
- 15 with a shared image;
- associating a received message with a respective shared image; and
- distributing the message with the respective image in accordance with distribution instructions embodied in the respective envelopes.

20 58. The method of claim 57 further comprising

- displaying a field for designating a subject to be associated with a shared image;
- associating a received subject with a respective shared image; and
- distributing the subject with the respective image in accordance with distribution instructions embodied in the respective envelopes.

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59. The method of claim 55 further comprising

- processing the shared order including
- notifying an intended recipient of shared images, and
- allowing an intended recipient to view shared images.

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60. The method of claim 59 wherein the step of notifying includes distributing an email to an intended recipient indicating that images are available to be shared.

61. The method of claim 59 wherein the step of notifying includes notifying the intended recipient a next time the intended recipient logs in to the on-line print service.

5 62. The method of claim 61 wherein the step of notifying includes displaying a customized user account page to a user upon login that includes a shared status indicator for indicating that images are available to be shared.

63. The method of claim 62 wherein the shared status indicator is a link to a shared image
10 user interface, the method including displaying the shared images on the shared image user interface.

64. The method of claim 63 further comprising
receiving an order for printing one or more of the shared images; and
15 processing the order.